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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL HAIG

FROM: Dick Kennedy

Attached is a paragraph which CIA recommends be added at the bottom of page 4 of the talking points on Lam Son, a copy of which you have.

Attachment

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Hanoi will of course want to mask the extent to which its capabilities have been impaired and will therefore endeavor to act as if it is playing from strength. To project this image, the Communists may be willing to spend additional manpower capital in the days immediately ahead by trying to mount a sharp flurry of attacks in the northern part of South Vietnam, and elsewhere if they can get such attacks off the ground. Such attacks may be specifically directed against U.S. units in an endeavor to increase American casualties, whatever the cost to Hanoi. Nonetheless, the Communists probably have lost the ability to mount sustained major offensives and the overall record of Communist activity over the next few months can be expected to support this contention.

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